

Grand Opening Of Winter Park Saturday

Grand Ball, Sports, Contests, Exhibitions

Next Saturday and Sunday Grayling Winter Sports State Park will hold its grand opening for the season, with a dance on Saturday evening in the school gym, at which time the snow queen will be selected by several stars of the baseball diamond and newspaper men, who have been invited for the occasion.

On Sunday there will be a program of sports at the Winter park with a snowshoe race to be participated in by the baseball players.

Other attractions during the afternoon will be a skating exhibition by Michigan State champions fancy skating team; an exhibition of skiing by Alfred E. Orhm, only American-born Class A ski jumping champion; presentation of ski jackets to ball players by P. J. Hoffmaster, director of Michigan Department of Conservation; archery exhibition, fancy and trick shooting by Fred Bear and his World's champion archery team.

Also there will be saddle ski races. The elimination races for state camp will be held Feb. 2nd and 3rd.

There will be tobogganing and skating for all who wish.

Queen to be Chosen Saturday Night

The committee in charge of choosing the Winter Sports queen have selected nine young ladies who were suggested, and from among whom the queen to rule over this season's winter sports will be chosen. The others will be her court of honor. Misses Pauline Merrill, Norberta Weiss, June Morris, Natalie Peterson, Gloria MacNeven, Mary Jane Joseph, Elsie Mae LaMotte, Bonita DeLaMater and Ruth Burrows are the young ladies.

The selection will be made at the school gymnasium Saturday evening at the Queen's ball.

Famous Orchestra To Play for Queen's Ball

Highlighting the opening of Grayling's winter sports season will be the queen's ball to be held Saturday night at Grayling school gymnasium. For this occasion LeRoy Smith and his dance orchestra of 14 musical artists have been engaged. They come right from the French Casino of New York City, where they have been playing several years.

Besides this fine attraction, another outstanding treat for those who attend the ball will be the presence, as guests, of 13 major league baseball stars. They will be here to select Grayling winter sports queen.

The charges for the ball will be \$1.00 per couple or single man and 50c for each extra lady. The ball will start at 9:30 p. m.

During the evening there will be a 15 minute broadcast direct from the gym floor over Michigan Radio Network.

THANKS FOR THE VOTES

I hereby desire to express my appreciation and thanks to all who voted for me at the Mac & Gidley contest closed just before Christmas. Also to thank Mr. McNamara for making this occasion possible and for his generosity.

Signed, Jerry Barber.

Gala Affair Marks Opening of Shoppenagons Inn Blue Room

The grand opening of Shoppenagons Inn Blue Room was held Saturday evening, December 30. A fine large crowd was in attendance.

The room was attractively decorated with baskets and vases of beautiful flowers, gifts from friends and business associates.

Each lady present was favored with a beautiful red rose, and the men were treated to cigars. Everyone reported as having had a very enjoyable time.

Sunday evening a gala crowd gathered to usher in the new year. Everyone present had the holiday spirit, and the room and those present were dressed in festive and gay attire, with colorful paper hats worn by the guests.

At the midnight hour the room was a din with horns and noise makers of every description.

Dancing was enjoyed and the merry crowd extended happy felicitations and there was much handshaking and greeting.

Many messages and letters of congratulations and best wishes were received by Hostess Mrs. Cassidy, and others of the Inn staff, from absent friends on the opening of the new "Blue Room."

Jos. J. Royce, Pioneer, Passes Away

Joseph J. Royce, a pioneer of Crawford county, passed away at his home in South Branch township Friday following a short illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the family home with interment in Pioneer cemetery, and the deceased who was a member of the Roscommon Masonic lodge was buried with Masonic honors.

Mr. Royce was 82 years old and came to this county from Oakland county and located on a farm five miles from Roscommon. He had been supervisor, clerk and treasurer of his township. Five children survive.

"Star Spangled"

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16th and 17th, the play "Star Spangled" will be given at the High School auditorium. This play will be put on for the benefit of the High School Athletic Association and it is hoped that the auditorium will be filled both nights.

"Star Spangled" centers about a Polish widow and her four children: Gregory who is serving time in the Michigan City penitentiary. Vincent who is campaigning for a seat in the legislature. Stan a dumb ball player in the Texas League and Mary a night club entertainer.

The play is a 3-act comedy running about an hour and a half and is full of laughs. Next week's Avalanche will publish the cast of characters, time, price, etc.

Keep January 16th and 17th open in your date book.

CARD OF THANKS

Charlie McCarthy was the prize I worked for. Thank you, for the votes that won it. Thank you, too, Mr. McNamara.

Sara Louise Smith.

17 Cases Appear On Circuit Court Calendar

COURT TO CONVENE NEXT TUESDAY

Crawford County Circuit court will convene next Tuesday, January 9th. Seventeen cases appear on the calendar.

Criminal Cases—J. A. Light, passing bad checks.

Charles Glover, breaking and entering in the night time.

Harold Andrews, appeal from justice court.

John Mahaney, Robert Mahaney and Wesley Straight, robbery armed.

The latter case is against the youngsters from in the vicinity of Kalkaska who held up and robbed Burke's service station and kidnapped the attendant, Everett Bidvia. It is believed that they will plead guilty, as they already have signed confessions. Straight is of juvenile age, jurisdiction in his case having been waived by the local juvenile court.

Non-Jury Civil Cases—The Central Union Corporation vs. School District No. 1 of Frederic, for assumption. Similar cases appear against the said respondent, by the First National Bank of Negaunee and by John G. Getz, Jr.

Chancery Cases—In the matter of the assignment for the benefit of Creditors of Marius Hanson, doing business as the Bank of Grayling, assignment. Clark & Henry are the attorneys.

Wilcy Johnson vs. Bessie Johnson, divorce. Attorney Charles E. Moore is representing the defendant, and Merle F. Nellist the plaintiff.

In the matter of the assignment for the benefit of Creditors of Schweitzer & Co., assignment. Merle F. Nellist is the assignee. This case, like that of the Bank of Grayling assignment, has been appearing in the circuit court for many years.

Noel T. Goddard vs. Miles P. Walsh and Geraldine Walsh, partition suit. Merle F. Nellist represents the plaintiff and B. J. Tally the defendant.

Laura Gill vs. Eugene P. Gill, divorce. The plaintiff is represented by Merle F. Nellist.

Julia Burrows vs. George Burrows, divorce. John J. Donahue of Roscommon is representing the plaintiff and Charles E. Moore the respondent.

Paul E. Hendrickson vs. Beatrice A. Hendrickson, divorce. Attorney Chas. E. Moore represents the plaintiff.

Petitions for Naturalization have been filed by the following: Henry James Laughton, Anton Kangas and Dorothea Annie Josephine Worthey.

Sportsmen To Debate Winter Fishing

One of the main topics of the evening will be the question, "What effect winter fishing has on summer fishing in local lakes," when the monthly meeting of the Grayling Sportsmen's Club will be held on Jan. 9 at the Grange Hall.

This question has been discussed at previous meetings by other outdoor organizations and, apparently, little has been done on this matter. With the ice fishing getting under way now this question may arise again to the front by those who are in favor of having winter fishing curtailed in some manner while others wish to have it as it stands. This meeting will be open to any one who wishes to express their views on this question.

All members are asked to be present at this meeting. A vote will be taken regarding this club joining the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. This organization is contact every Michigan sportsman's club in an effort to unite in a solid front to improve and protect outdoor life in this state.

Meeting will be called at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday, January 9th. The place Grange Hall.

ENTERTAIN WITH WATCH PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoelsi entertained twelve friends at a New Year's Eve watch party Sunday evening.

Three tables of bridge were in play at which Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mr. Emil Giegling held the high scores. At midnight the real fun started as 1939 faded out and 1940 was ushered in.

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INCONSTANT SEA LEVEL!

THE SEA LEVEL, EVEN CONSIDERING TIDES, VARIES CONSIDERABLY, WITHIN A YEAR DIFFERING BY AS MUCH AS FIVE FEET.

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Milford Moggo Victim Accidental Shooting

Milford Moggo, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Strahly, was the victim of a shooting accident on New Year's day, and lies in Mercy Hospital in a critical condition, as the result.

The shooting occurred at the AuSable Gas station, operated by Fritz Heath, where Edward Martin, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin, was employed part time by Mr. Heath. According to the latter the gun, a .32 calibre automatic, was kept in the desk in the station loaded, but with the shell clip pulled partly out and with the safety on. Sheriff John A. Papendick and Deputy Sheriff George Stanley investigated the accident and Monday evening young Martin appearing before Prosecuting Attorney Merle F. Nellist stated that he was examining the gun when it went off accidentally, the bullet striking young Moggo.

The accident occurred at noon and the victim was hurried to Mercy Hospital where an operation was performed for removal of the bullet which had grazed his right arm and entered the abdomen passing through the liver.

Edward Martin attends Central State Teachers College and home for the holiday vacation had been employed by Mr. Heath to look after the station as he would not be there until later in the day. Young Moggo had done small chores for Mr. Heath and so spent much of his time around the station.

Prosecuting Attorney Nellist said that no charges would be placed against Martin, as Moggo when questioned said that the shooting was accidental.

Today Moggo's condition is reported as fair.

HOLDING HEALTH CLASSES IN FREDERIC AND GRAYLING

Measures for preventing communicable diseases will be explained at the Women's Health classes next Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 2 p. m. at Frederic Town Hall and at 7:30 p. m. at the Grayling High school. This lecture is sponsored by the local health department and the Michigan Department of Health.

Dr. Emily Ripka will lecture on the spread of contagious diseases, the value of the community of quarantine and isolation, and the importance of vaccination and immunization in infancy and early childhood. A moving picture on diphtheria will be shown. Dr. Ripka will also illustrate the home care which every patient with a contagious disease should be given. All women of the community are invited.

CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The games with Gaylord High school will be reversed. Gaylord will play at Grayling on January 5th. Grayling will appear at Gaylord on January 26th.

Because of the Winter Sports party on January 6th, the Boyne City game scheduled on that date will be played on Tuesday, January 9th.

This means two outstanding games at Grayling on January 5th and 9th. Plan to attend them.

Granger-Johnson

Miss Agda Johnson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson, chose New Year's Eve for her marriage to Mr. Howard Granger, son of Mrs. Celia Granger. Grayling Lutheran church made a pretty setting for the nuptials in its yuletide decorations of greenery accented by baskets of chrysanthemums, gladiolus and roses in pink and white. The ceremony performed at 4:00 by the Rev. P. C. Stockholm, was witnessed by a host of friends. Miss Ingeborg Hanson played Lohengrin's wedding march as the bridal party proceeded to the altar of the church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of exquisite white silk chiffon over white satin, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline. The sleeves were short and puffed, and the long skirt was made full with a shirred girdle. She wore a tiara of flowers in her hair, silver slippers, and long white kid gloves. An arm bouquet of pink roses and pom poms and a three strand string of pearls, a gift from the groom completed her costume.

Mrs. Fred Lamm, sister of the groom, as matron of honor wore a floor length gown of royal blue satin. It was made on princess lines with puffed sleeves and a shirred bodice trimmed in American Beauty velvet ribbon.

Mrs. Sigurd Johnson, sister-in-law of the bride and Mrs. Harley Russell, sister of the groom, wore the bridesmaids. Mrs. Johnson's gown was dusty baby blue taffeta, made with a snug fitting waistline, with the skirt made very full in the back, while Mrs. Russell wore fuchsia taffeta. Her gown was floor length made with a short bolero jacket with puffed sleeves. The skirt was caught with tiny light blue velvet bows. The attendants each wore corsages of sweet peas to complement their gowns.

Little George Granger Jr., nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer and carried the ring on a satin pillow. He was sweet in black velvet pants and white satin blouse.

Sigurd Johnson, brother of the bride, officiated as groomsmen, while Robert Funck and Norman Butler served as ushers.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Johnson chose a gown of moss green silk crepe, while the groom's mother, Mrs. Granger, wore blue velvet. Mrs. Karl Hagman, maternal grandmother was in a blue silk crepe dress with silver trimming.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at Shoppenagons Inn for 35 guests, who included the bridal party and a few close friends. After a reception that was held later at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granger left on a wedding trip to Chicago and other points.

Returning they will be at home to their friends at the home of the bride's parents until their new home located on Cedar street is ready for occupancy.

Both the bride and groom are known to most everyone in Grayling. Both are graduates of Grayling High school and Mrs. Granger attended Ferris Institute. The groom is a graduate of the Warner School of Pharmacy in

Sandusky and has held a position at the Mac & Gidley drug store since. Their hosts of friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

Kiwanians Hear Talk By School Nurse

Mrs. Maurice Gorman, Grayling school nurse, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis club luncheon Wednesday. This was the first meeting of the year and was presided over by Farnham Matson, the new club president.

President Matson expressly emphasized that he desired that members make special effort to be regularly in attendance, and also that they not forget to wear their Kiwanis buttons. Fines will be imposed upon members coming in late and being without their buttons.

Mrs. Gorman, in her talk, thanked the Club and the Kiwanis auxiliary for assistance to our underprivileged children, and for making them happy with gifts and orders for clothing and dresses. Many of these children, she said, might have been unhappy except for the generosity of the clubs, as they received no other remembrances.

This year 78 children were cared for by the Club. 34 received checks for merchandise, 25 received toys and 19 girls received dresses made by the ladies of the Kiwanis auxiliary. "I am very sure," said Mrs. Gorman, "these were received with thankfulness and appreciation."

"In the Grayling school we have 115 pupils with physical defects such as bad teeth, tonsils and adenoids, heart and hernias. Some of the parents could have these defects corrected if they would. Others are financially unable, and since the afflicted and crippled children's aid has reduced their allotments to the counties, only emergency cases can be met by their funds."

No dentist has been assigned by the Children's Fund of Michigan so this work has been at a standstill.

Mrs. Gorman also gave a resume of her duties in the school. It was a very interesting address and gave the Kiwanians a better understanding of what is being done by her for the good of Grayling schools and Grayling children.

GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 7th.
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—English Services.
2:30 p. m.—Congregational meeting in the church.

Thursday, January 11th
8:00 P. M.—Lutheran Junior Aid meets at the home of Mrs. A. L. Roberts.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Next Sunday Services
10:00 a. m.—Bible School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, the Junior Ladies Aid will serve their annual chicken dinner.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

An Open Letter

To The Editor:

Once again the people of all nations have celebrated the greatest of all birthdays, and the holidays have come to a close. For the past several weeks churches, schools, lodges, clubs and all other charitable institutions have been busy soliciting that they might give one square meal to that one third of our under-nourished population, and also a few pieces of second hand, ill-fitting clothing to cover the nakedness of that same number of people. Do not misunderstand me; I am not in any way condemning this method of giving at least one good meal a year; but let us try to find a permanent solution for this terrible condition.

Our learned statesmen in the legislative halls have failed completely in this matter, but we have reason to believe that the citizens of this great nation will solve this great question of want in the midst of plenty by the adoption of the Townsend Plan.

This great Christian American plan, and it's leader, have been criticized, slandered and abused in the past, but many who formerly opposed the plan, after careful study of its merits, are now very ardent supporters.

The Bell investigation was only one of many attempts to smear the Townsend Plan. No Congressman who sat with that committee can point with pride (but rather with shame) at the treatment given so good a man as Dr. Townsend, whose only thought was not of self, but sympathy for others.

The latest move to impede our progress was made by the National Association of Broadcasters.

The real issue was smoke-screened by taking in several others, but the facts are: it was the Townsend Plan they were after.

We are fast approaching another election day and all kinds of propaganda will find its way into your home. In fact, many pamphlets have already been placed in rural mail boxes, telling its readers that the transactions tax (as proposed under the Townsend Plan) is a per capita tax, and giving the figures as to what it would cost each person. The people can readily see that the transactions tax is not a per capita tax; but of course any kind of a set of figures can be set up to mislead people, just as you can get an architect to draw any kind of plans for a house. Another pre-election circular is also being sent out calling attention to the terrible conditions existing in Europe, and that we must keep out of war; but nothing was said about the terrible war that has been going on right here in the United States for the past ten years. A war against starvation, suffering, crime, poverty and unemployment. These are the things Americans are interested in. Mr. Congressman. We still believe in the old saying "Charity begins at home."

In one of the pamphlets was considerable pre-election sym-

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WINS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN

Chicago—For the second successive year, Edson A. Smith of Detroit has won the title of "World's Champion Truck Driver" by defeating the safest and most capable drivers of twenty states. He scored 87.6 out of a possible 100 in the finals of the National Truck Rodeo held in Chicago recently under the auspices of the American Trucking Association.

Frank Steed, Georgia champion, placed second with a score of 83.4. Strange to say Steed was runner-up last year and repeated in holding second position. The drivers were required to guide their vehicles through all sorts of difficult situations and were penalized for violations of safety rules or for touching objects. The contest was close all

(Top) Edson Smith, champion, driving his equipment into a narrow space alongside a fence. (Lower right) Harvey C. Fruchaud, Detroit commercial trailer manufacturer, congratulates Edson Smith and presents a trophy to the winner.

the way. Each man handled his tractor-semi-trailer unit easily and quickly. One after another they backed into a space between two parked automobiles, with only 12 inches clearance on each side.

The Rodeo also included precautions taken in night driving such as the placing of flares, etc. It was staged in the huge parking lot of Soldiers Field, Chicago. Handsome trophies were awarded the winning drivers.

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CUTTING DOWN on welfare relief at this time of the year makes one feel, with a shudder, that some families are going to have to suffer and, perhaps, some may actually have to go hungry. To think that a country so rich as America can get into such a condition that there has to be suffering and actual want in the land is almost unbelievable. This country has seen a lot of hard times, when money and jobs were almost impossible to get, but never within the memory of this editor have we ever seen conditions as bad as they are at this time. How much longer must the people of America endure the rotten administration that we now have in Washington. For nearly seven years they have been spending money with a whoopee hand and now the country is broke and the law won't permit more borrowing since the constitutional limit of debt of 45 billion dollars is nearly reached. One welfare worker in this office yesterday said that for every \$12 expended by the government for relief that only \$1 reached those for whom it is intended. Waste and, as has been claimed by the Dies committee, graft have entered into the administration for relief. The Roosevelt followers ridiculed Alfred Smith when he protested their administration, and now, no doubt, they will be throwing the harpoon into John Garner who DARES to oppose their chief. Either of these men would have had this country flourishing again had they had the opportunity of doing so. In the meantime playing politics with human misery is now reaping its natural result—suffering and want by millions of innocent people who are the victims. We believe, as this newspaper has advocated on several former occasions, that there is only one remedy for getting this country back to its normal prosperous days, and that is to start the factory whistles blowing, getting men and women back on steady jobs. These industries will flourish again if permitted to do so without government meddling.

HE IS AN AMERICAN

He is an American. He hears an airplane overhead, and if he looks up at all does so in curiosity, neither in fear nor in the hope of seeing a protector. His wife goes marketing, and her purchases are limited by her needs, her tastes, her budget, but not by decree. He comes home of an evening through streets which are well lighted, not dimly in blue. He reads his newspaper and knows that what it says is not concocted by a bureau, but an honest, untrammelled effort to present the truth. He has never had a gas mask on. He has never been in a bomb-proof shelter. His military training, an R.O.T.C. course in college, he took because it excused him from the

Gaylord To Play Here Friday Night

There's an interesting bill of basketball scheduled for tomorrow night, Friday, when Gaylord will bring three teams to Grayling for games.

The first game between the Junior high teams of both cities will begin at 7:00 o'clock. Next in line will be the game between the Reserve teams, followed by the big attraction of the evening by the High school teams.

One special attraction of the evening will be the Grayling High school band; another attraction, "Birdie" Tebbetts will referee. You will enjoy every bit of the evening.

gym course, and it was not compulsory.

He belongs to such fraternal organizations and clubs as he wishes.

He adheres to a political party to the extent that he desires—the dominant one, if that be his choice, but with the distinct reservation that he may criticize any of its policies with all the vigor which to him seems proper—any other as his convictions dictate, even, if it be his decision, one which holds that the theory of government of the country is wrong and should be scrapped.

He does not believe, if his party is out of power, that the only way in which it can come into power is through a bloody revolution.

He converses with friends, even with chance acquaintances, expressing freely his opinion on any subject, without fear.

He does not expect his mail to be opened between posting and receipt, nor his telephone to be tapped.

He changes his place of dwelling, and does not report so doing to the police.

He has not registered with the police.

He carries an identification card only in case he should be the victim of a traffic accident.

He thinks of his neighbors across international borders—of those to the north as though they were across a State line, rather than as foreigners—of those to the south more as strangers since they speak a language different from his, and with the knowledge that there are now matters of difference between his government and theirs, but of neither with an expectancy of war.

He worships God in the fashion of his choice, without let.

His children are with him in his home, neither removed to a place of greater safety, if young, nor, if older, ordered ready to serve the State with sacrifice of limb or life.

He has his problems, his troubles, his uncertainties, but all others are not overshadowed by the imminence of battle and sudden death.

He should struggle to preserve his Americanism with its priceless privileges.

He is a fortunate man. He is an American.

Editorial Reprinted from The Sun, New York.

Thermal and Hot Springs
Springs are called thermal when their waters show a temperature exceeding 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Those whose temperatures are above 98 degrees are called hot.

High, Low Points in D. C.

The lowest point in the District of Columbia is Hains Point at sea level. The highest elevation is at Tenleytown, where the altitude is 120 feet.

List Of Donors To Finnish Relief Fund

Following are the names of those who have already contributed to the Finnish Relief Fund:

Dr. C. G. Clippert\$ 2.00
Shoppenagons Inn 2.00
Anton Kangas 2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lauri 5.00
Mrs. Mary Hein 1.00
Christ Johnson 1.00
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Mac & Gidley Drug Store 2.00
Geo. B. Schley 10.00

The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

Indianapolis, Ind.
January 2, 1940

Mr. O. P. Schumann,
The Avalanche,
Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

Here is a check for \$10.00, from Mrs. Schley and me for Finnish relief; for I understand that The Avalanche is taking subscriptions for that purpose.

We are making our little contribution through Grayling because all the Finnish people we know are in Grayling.

Yours very truly,

G. B. Schley.

NOTE—Mr. and Mrs. Schley are summer residents at Lake Margrethe where they come annually to spend some time at their summer home.

An Open Letter

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pathy for the farmer. Well, the writer was born and raised on a farm and can well remember the same sympathy for the farmer group. Just before election they came out to the old school house and gave the farmers the usual line of "hot air," but the poor farmer is still wondering when the "jack-pot" is going to turn up.

Much has been said about foreign markets and that a market for our surplus must be found. We, of the Townsend faith, believe there is an abundant market right here in the United States if the Townsend Plan were adopted, and money was forced into circulation, as it would be under the Plan.

One of the Congressmen, previous to the vote taken last spring on the Townsend Plan, in letters to his constituents said he wanted it settled for all time. We would like to refer that honorable gentleman to an editorial, since that time, in a leading newspaper saying because the Congress had voted down the Townsend Plan was no reason to think they were through with it, as it will be right back in their laps in the next Congress. Again we repeat with our great leader "we have just begun to fight."

Thank You.
Charles J. Manary,
203 W. Dean St.,
Bay City, Mich.

Paid Adv.

OBITUARY

Charles Ira Richardson was born in Munroe county, Iowa, on August 12th, 1868 and in 1872 he came to Michigan with his parents, F. P. and Eliza Richardson. In 1876 they settled near Pere Cheney in Crawford county which has since been his home with the exception of about ten years spent in Central Lake, Flint and Kalamazoo.

In 1890 he was united in marriage to Nina Clark of Pere Cheney, who passed away on March 2nd, 1916. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive.

On February 22nd, 1922, he was united in marriage to Mary Comstock of Kalamazoo who passed away Oct. 10, 1937, since which time he has made his home with his daughter Mrs. Hjalmar Mortenson of Beaver Creek, who with a brother, Budd Richardson, a sister, Isa Palmer, and six grandsons are left to mourn his passing.

Services were at the Hjalmar Mortenson home Sunday, at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Kuhlman officiated with burial in the family lot at Pere Cheney cemetery.

Those from a distance who came to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Budd Richardson, Alpena; Mrs. Isa Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber, Mrs. Marcella Byrne, Mr. Harvey Anderson, Mr. Archie Lawrence, Mr. Richard Sewell, Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Esmen, Mt. Morris.

The family have the deepest sympathy of the friends of Beaver Creek and Grayling.

Oldest Farm in United States
The oldest farm in the United States is near Yoleta, Texas. It has been worked continuously since 1540, when it was established by the Franciscan Fathers.

Sugar in the Blood.
Normal persons have two teaspoons of sugar in their blood.

Personals

Lila Aldrich of Roscommon visited Patricia Roberts over New Year's.

Miss Laura Horning visited Miss Betty Raino in Detroit over New Year's.

Pete Glance of Saginaw visited Miss Janice Entsminger over the New Year holidays.

Misses Blanche Wheeler and Elsie Gamble spent the week end visiting in Jackson.

Miss Olga Nielsen had as her guest over New Year's John Dominiak, of Detroit.

Miss Margrethe Nielsen spent the New Year week end visiting relatives in Saginaw.

Miss Evelyn Skingley of Detroit spent the New Year holidays at the home of her parents.

Miss Billyann Clippert entertained a few friends at a watch party New Year's Eve.

F. J. Mills spent the New Year week end visiting his son Dwight, and family, in Sandusky.

Henry Douglas of Saginaw was the guest of Miss Elsie Mae LaMotte over the week end.

Miss Norberta Weiss had as her guest over the New Year week end, John Stevens of Saginaw.

Mr. Bob Hayes of St. Louis, was a guest of Miss Jayne Keyport over the New Year's week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May and little son spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. May's parents, in Rogers City.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick had as their guests Friday the latter's cousin, Miss Lenora Pratt and Carl Erickson of the Soo.

Mrs. Molly Bosworth left Sunday to spend the New Year holidays and the remainder of the week visiting friends in Detroit.

Miss Marion Huntington of Eaton Rapids was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph over the New Year week end.

Mrs. Frank May and family had as New Year's guests Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rasinen of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels and daughter Mary Ann, of Midland.

Emil Giegling, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Clubs, and Farnham Matson, president of the local club, will attend the District Kiwanis meeting at Jackson, Friday.

Mrs. Willard Harwood spent Wednesday in West Branch. She was accompanied home by her son Bob who spent the week visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Tiffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen had as their guests over the week end, Mr. John Cook, Mrs. Margrethe Green and sons, John and Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Mowbray, all of Detroit.

Truman Ingram, W. J. Heric and Harold Edwards left Sunday for Big Bay to resume their work at the plant of the Kerry & Hanson Co., after spending the holidays with their families.

Axel Christenson and oldest son of Flint, spent the New Year's week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson in Beaver Creek. They enjoyed hunting rabbits while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell and little daughter Barbara Jean returned home Sunday from Gagetown, where they were holiday guests of Mrs. Cornell's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Heath and the latter's mother Mrs. William McNeven, accompanied Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Dick to their home in Midland, Saturday, after they had spent a week here.

Miss Mary Lou Woodbury of Bay City is spending ten days here visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Clara McLeod. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury, returned home Wednesday after spending New Year's here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Butler spent the New Year week end visiting in Caro and Pontiac.

Mrs. C. J. McNamara and sons Charles and Larry, spent the New Year holidays visiting relatives in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Christenson of Detroit were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Callahan over the week end.

Jack McClain returned to his work in Ypsilanti Monday after spending the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coulter (Eva Swanson) spent the week end visiting at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Alex Atkinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnow Hanson celebrated New Year's in Detroit where they were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Harry Raino, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Johnson and children of Saginaw were over New Year guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson.

Miss Laura Johnson spent the week end visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling, returning to Alma college Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tetu, son Bob and daughter Monica, of West Branch, were Sunday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Henry Bousson and family.

Roger Bruce Schroeder of Roscommon returned home Tuesday after visiting his grandmothers, Mrs. Joseph McLeod and Mrs. Peter Larson for a week.

Bert Confer and son Emory of Flint spent the week end visiting his daughters, Mrs. Albert Schrieber and family and Mrs. Ernest Lovely and family.

Miss Gail Welsh went to Ionia Sunday where she attended a New Year's ball at the Elks Temple. She was the guest of Mr. Jack Shoemaker of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann had as their house guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Harley of Saginaw.

Mrs. Eugene Baker of Indianapolis, Ind., is spending the holidays visiting at the home of her father, Nels Corwin. Mr. Baker was here for the Christmas week end.

Alfred Hanson reports the sale of a new 1940 special deluxe Chevrolet town sedan to Theodore Ferguson, and a special deluxe Chevrolet sport sedan to Joseph Cinciala.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross spent the New Year week end visiting Mrs. Nelson's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lindlay, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows accompanied their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow and children to Detroit Saturday and spent the week end visiting there. Mrs. LaGrow and children had spent the week visiting here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Rev. Kuhlman for his words of sympathy; Mrs. Underwood and Miss Babbitt for the singing. Also our friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and the many acts of kindness in our sorrow of the death of our father and grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richardson and sons,
Mrs. Isa Palmer and sons,
Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Mortenson.

Steamships Paid Respects With Blast of Whistle

Clyde line ships pass Miss Kate's silently now, but for half a century, and until Miss Kate died at the age of 90 a decade ago, no Clyde ship ever entered the Cape Fear at Southport, N. C., without a three-blast salute of the whistle.

The legend of the salutes is only one of the rich memories of the old house, which sets out boldly at the entrance of the Cape Fear, a hundred yards closer to the water than any other house in this fishing town. Built 125 years ago, the house descended from Stuart to Stuart. It is said that every governor of North Carolina from 1800 until the death of Miss Kate Stuart has been a guest of the riverside home. President Woodrow Wilson's father, who preached at Southport, was a frequent visitor at the house.

When Miss Kate was mistress of the hospitable house, she had as a guest a young girl, daughter of a Clyde line official. A steamboat of the line carrying the girl's father puffed by the house, and the guest, excited, fell from the dock into the river in which a swift tide was running. Miss Kate, fully clothed, jumped after her and swam ashore with the drowning girl.

From then until the day Miss Kate died, vessels of the line never passed the roomy old house without touting their respects to the grand old lady.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Add to your wardrobe by taking advantage of the big reductions we are offering on dresses, skirts and hats in our January sale.—Maureen Shoppe.

The O. E. S. will hold a rummage sale January 12th and 13th at the Masonic club rooms. Anyone having articles to donate please notify Mrs. J. L. Martin.

The league baseball players and newspaper men who will be coming to Grayling Saturday will be dined at a complimentary rabbit supper at the Fischer Hotel dining room that evening.

Miss Muriel DeLaMater was hostess to the Just Us Club girls last Wednesday evening at her home, in honor of Mrs. Wesley LaGrow. Chinese checkers were enjoyed during the evening, until the hostess served a dainty lunch.

Roy Trudgeon is nursing a couple of fractured ribs and has been at the hospital since Monday with the injury. He was walking around the front of his car, parked near the Inn, when he slipped on some ice and fell striking his side on the bumper.

Wednesday evening, January 10 will be the first session of the Masonic-Legionaire pin o'che tournament at the Masonic Temple. All Masons and Legionnaires are invited to take part in this tournament. Much fun and enjoyment was had last winter with the Legionnaires enjoying a feed at the expense of the Masons, who were the losers in the series of games.

Word has been received by Grayling friends of the death of Nels P. Salling at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., Wednesday. Mr. Salling who was about 83 years old, lived in Grayling many years ago, going from here to Anderson, Ind., and then west. Mr. Salling was a cousin of E. N. Salling, who was a member of the firm of Salling Hanson Company; the late Victor Salling was also a cousin.

Old Spanish Town—in France

One of the striking anomalies in geography, says the National Geographic society, is that a small portion of Spain is entirely surrounded by France. To put it another way, there is a Spanish town (Llivia) in France. It happened this way: When the present boundary between the two countries was established nearly 300 years ago, it was provided that France should have the "villages" of the old Pyrenees province of Cerdagne. Llivia, the capital of Cerdagne, was no village, however, but a "town" by charter. So Spain, under the letter of the treaty, retained it, together with a fringe of land, with the understanding that it should never be fortified by the Spaniards. Today a mile-long neutral road, cutting across the intervening French territory, ties Llivia to the rest of Spain.

Wisconsin's Fish Crop

The Wisconsin conservation department estimates, from tabulation of the catch on a typical lake, that the annual yield of fish from its waters is 18 pounds per acre, the National Wildlife federation reports. This does not take trout streams into consideration. Applying the estimate to the total acreage of inland lakes in Wisconsin, the season's fish crop would be 18,000,000 pounds. Eastern Ontario estimates that a muskellunge is worth \$250 in tourist trade. Wisconsin is a great muskellunge state. "As for the cash value of our fish, anybody is entitled to figure it out to suit himself," says Conservation Director H. W. McKenzie. "But the total figure certainly is enormous."

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The Book—2 Tim 3:16
The Blood Heb 9:22
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

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STUCK TO HER POST



Marcia Smith, telephone operator in a New York hotel, is shown back on the job after being acclaimed a heroine during a blaze in the building. Despite fumes and smoke, she stuck to the board and warned guests of the danger. She then collapsed.

Uses of Potato Starch

Potato starch is used in the cotton and woolen textile industries, the paper industry, in confectionery, and in plywood factories. Other uses are as a thickener in canned goods, cold water glues, adhesives, dextrin, face powders, nitro-starch explosives, glucose, toilet articles, malt sugar, distilled liquors, cocoas, chocolates, sausages, baked products, dyeing, laundries and medicine.

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FOR RENT—Furnished Apartment, modern, and in nice location. Inquire of Mrs. Nettie Stephan.

LOST—Hound dog, half Bluetick and half Beagle, about December 9th, southwest of Grayling. Answers to name of "Spot." Reward offered. Finder notify Norman Jonsson, Route 1, Grayling, 1-4-2

WILL SELL or Exchange size 6 hard toe hockey skates in good condition for a pair of size 9 skates. Alfred D. Hanson, dial 3841.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Irish Setter puppies, seven weeks old. Inquire at Avalanche office or dial 4402

FOR SALE—One white Western horse, 13 years old. Will sell horse and harness for \$100. Also 100 shocks of white cap dent corn at 25c per shock. Oscar Kimbler, 3 miles west of Frederic, known as Horton farm. 12-21-3.

FOR SALE—Business block on Main street, formerly location of Grayling postoffice. Now occupied. See me for particulars. O. P. Schumann. Phones 3111 and 3121.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, January 4, 1917

Some of the state newspapers of last week contained an announcement of the death of Theodore Perry Manwaring, which occurred Wednesday, December 27, at the home of his son-in-law, Eugene Kennedy at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Manwaring had been an invalid for some time and went there from his home in Ann Arbor, about five years ago to live with his daughter. Mr. Manwaring was at one time a resident of Grayling and will be remembered by our old residents.

The first large dancing party of the season was that of the Loyal Order of Moose when they entertained New Years night with their fifth annual ball. This was held at the Temple theatre, and the place was pretty with red and white crepe lattice-work draping in arches. There were fully ninety couples present. At about 11 o'clock the orchestra began the strains of the Missouri Waltz, and the dancers selected their partners for the prize waltz. Finally all the dancers except Leon LaMothe and Miss Catherine Clark and Gordon Chamberlain, and Miss Hulda Sivrais left the floor, the former couple finally declared the winners of the contest.

Holger Hanson of the bank spent New Years with friends in Bay City.

Master Carl Hanson spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Johannesburg.

Misses Arvilla Tetu and Lucille McPhee are spending the week with friends at West Branch.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield have been enjoying a few days' visit from the latter's sister, Miss Floss Miller of Detroit.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy entertained Miss Marguerite Johnson of Rose City a number of days last week. Miss Johnson is a teacher in the kindergarten in the schools at Rose City.

Announcements have been received of the birth of a son, Robert Dwight, to Attorney and Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson of East Jordan on Christmas day. Mrs. Wilson is well known in Grayling, having taught the second grade of our school for a few years, and will be better known as Miss Genie Thompson.

B. E. Kline of Akron, Ohio and Wilfred Cohen of Detroit were guests at the Mrs. A. Kraus home over New Years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeal was the scene of a

pretty New Year eve party when a small company gathered to watch the old year out and welcome in the new. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl England, and son Carl, Mr. Chrysler, Mrs. Carr and Miss Nora Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Hanson were host and hostess at a large dinner party at Shoppenagons Inn, New Years day at 1 o'clock. There were sixty present and a delicious four course dinner was served. The tables for the dinner were beautiful with large vases of pink and white carnations, which after the dinner were distributed to the ladies. While the gentlemen were given smokes. The guests included the members of the Hanson and Michel families and the head employees of the Salling, Hanson Company and their wives.

Will Lauder returned Friday to M. A. C. Lansing, after a few days visit at his home here. Mr. Lauder plays in Roscoe's orchestra at Lansing, and it was necessary for him to return earlier on account of the orchestra having had many engagements booked during the holidays.

In honor of the two retiring county officers Judge Batterson and Clerk John J. Niederer, the members of the County Board of Supervisors, gave a dinner party at Shoppenagons Inn Wednesday evening. Dr. Palmer, on behalf of the County officers presented Mr. Niederer with a Masonic watch chain; and Glen Smith presented Mr. Batterson with a gold mounted pipe, that he might continue to smoke the pipe of friendly peace. For the Supervisors Mr. Smith presented Mr. Niederer with a gold watch chain, and Mr. Batterson with a gold pocket knife.

Frederic News (23 Years Ago)

A sleigh party went to John Malco's Saturday night. After games, music and lunch, all returned home saying it was a good place to go.

Wilbur Cochran's house burned to the ground Sunday. Nothing but one trunk which contained some deeds and other papers and \$30 were saved.

Mrs. Terhune's daughter, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mrs. H. L. Abrahams and son Morey are spending a few days in Detroit visiting.

A nice new gas lamp has been put up at the meat market. Makes things look fine.

HE HAD IT

Little Jones was holding forth at the club. "Yes," he said mysteriously, "he can command an audience with one single word. He can, if he so desires, keep a whole roomful of people attentive to his needs for hours on end. His voice, although by no means melodious, can penetrate the thickest walls. And that is not all. He can twist almost anybody round his little finger; in fact, women stop and kiss him unabashedly in the street."

"An amazing personality," put in one of his audience. "Who is he—a film star or author?"

"Neither," replied Jones. "Our baby!"

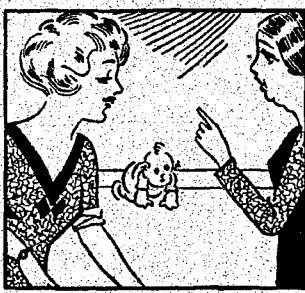
Has That Effect

"Some people thirst after fame, others after wealth, others after love," said the romantic young man, with a sigh.

The object of his affections was not in the same mood, however. "And there is something all people thirst after," she said.

"Yes!" asked the lover, eagerly. "Salt fish!" was the crushing reply.

NO POWDERED WORDS



Mrs. Multikids—Do you use baby talk on your child?

Mrs. Simon Pure—Never. We use only the purest English in speaking to him.

Lost Treasure

The professor had just received a title, and the reporter was trying to get some information from the great man's wife.

"And what," he asked, "is the professor's principal research?"

"Well," replied his sorely tried wife, "it consists principally in hunting for his spectacles."

His Opportunity

"The study of the occult sciences interests me very much," remarked the new boarder. "I love to explore the dark depths of the mysterious, to delve into regions of the unknown, and to—"

"Let me give you a little more of this stew, Mr. Smith?" interrupted the landlady.

Make 'Em Sound Proof

They were entertaining friends in their new house. Suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened.

"Surely you are not troubled by mice already?" she said.

"That's not mice," replied the householder. "That's the people next door eating celery."—Chelsea.

Oh Gee-ology!

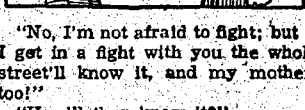
Sweet Young Tourist—Gracious! How'd those big rocks get here?

Sour Old Guide—Glaciers brought 'em here, ma'am.

S. Y. T.—Really? Where are the glaciers?

S. O. G.—Gone to git some more rocks, ma'am.

GOOD REASON



"No, I'm not afraid to fight; but if I get in a fight with you the whole street'll know it, and my mother, too!"

"How'll they know it?"

"They'll see the ambulance taking you home!"

A Welcome Guest

"I'm awfully glad you're going to take dinner with us."

"It's nice to hear you say so."

"Cause if you hadn't come there would have been just thirteen of us to sit down to the table and mamma is so superstitious she'd have made me wait."

Spills the Fun

Mrs. De Style—I think a woman should put her best efforts in dress to please her husband.

Mr. Facts—I can't see where your friend husband gets much joy out of it unless her father pays the bills.

Bad 'Grammari'

"Over there," said the host, "are my grandma's ashes."

"Oh," commiserated the guest. "She's passed on, eh?"

"No," said the host. "She's just too lazy to look for an ash tray."

Dizzy Dialogues.

Tuff—Listen, Bozo, that there means fight where I come from.

Tuffer—Awright, wise guy, why doncha start fightin'?

Tuff—On accounta I ain't where I come from.

Caught Up

"And when you eloped with the girl did her father follow you?"

"Did he?" said the young man. "He's living with us still!"

THE WAR IN EUROPE

Finland Torpedoes The Red Army

Aside from the remarkable military successes scored by the soldiers of Finland, little of importance has happened in the European war since the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee off the harbor of Montevideo.

The Russian Bear, ambling through Finland, found the going much tougher than expected. Having underrated the Finns, the Russians are now said to be preparing a larger force for a more serious effort to subdue opposition.

Before the beginning of the attack upon Finland, the world had an idea that the Red Army of Soviet Russia was a power to be reckoned with. This myth has been exploded by the campaign in Finland but it is too early to write off the Russian army as a failure.

The Balkan nations have taken heart from the events in Finland. There is less fear of an attack from Soviet Russia but full realization of what German leadership might do in a Balkan invasion. For the present, however, the Russian army must gain new prestige somewhere before being considered an effective fighting force.

Heroic Finns

Encouraging news from the Finnish battlefields should not lead anyone to forget that the Finns are fighting against terrific odds and that, regardless of successes now, they must almost inevitably yield to their superior foe unless greatly aided by other powers.

After several weeks fighting the Finns have scored tremendously. The Mannerheim line, on the Karelian peninsula, holds and many Russians, it is reported, have lost their lives in bitter fighting. To the north of Lake Ladoga no great Soviet advance has been recorded and there are stories of Red losses in this area as well.

The Soviet attempt to cut Finland in half, by invading midway between the Gulf of Finland and the Arctic has been defeated and no important Finnish city has fallen to the invaders. Strategic railroads in the "wasp waist" have not been cut and the Finnish forces continue their resistance.

In the Far North, where the open port of Petsamo is held by the invaders, Norwegian sources report a great Red retreat. It seems that the Russians advanced rapidly through barren lands, from which the retreated Finns had blasted all shelters. When it seemed that defeat faced the Finns on this front a blizzard swept the area and the Finns counter-attacked. With tanks and armored cars stalled in the snow the Russians marched back faster than they had advanced.

Gathering Funds For Finnish Relief

The Avalanche, in common with many other newspapers, will accept contributions for relief of Finnish refugees. Everyone knows the need of this assistance by people of this fine nation.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people

and neutral sources hinted of a rout.

More About The Sea Battle

The naval battle off the coast of South America continues to be discussed, particularly in naval and diplomatic quarters, but the average citizen seems to be intensely interested in the events of the engagement.

Thus, we call attention to the latest information from Montevideo, which indicates that the British cruiser Exeter, with 8-inch guns, was not put out of action in the early hours of the battle that began on Dec. 13th but continued in the fight until about 7:50 in the evening, or less than an hour before the Admiral Graf Spee entered Montevideo.

While the German raider is presumed to have been under orders not to seek a clash with other warships, the commander of the Graf Spee admitted that he fired the opening gun at the Exeter, which was escorting the French liner. As the British cruiser replied to the fire there appeared a smoke screen to the south, laid by the Ajax and Achilles, which were rushing into battle. The German commander had no way of knowing what was behind the smoke-screen.

In armament the Graf Spee had guns to fire a broadside that weighed 4,860 pounds while the combined weight of the broadside from the three cruisers was only 3,198 pounds. Using superior speed the cruisers ranged within 6,000 yards of the German ship, where their quick-firing six-inch guns could do effective work.

Naval experts wonder why the Graf Spee fled from the cruisers. Her six eleven-inch guns, fired 670 pound projectiles 27,300 yards, carried 3,000 yards further than the 8-inch guns of the Exeter and 5,000 yards further than the 6-inch guns of the Ajax and Achilles.

Whatever the reason for the flight of the pocket-battleship, the battle off Punta del Este exploded the myth of the invulnerability of the pocket-battleships. Before the fight it was said that only five warships in the combined British and French navies could catch and defeat the pocket-battleships. Afterwards, it appeared that almost any trio of cruisers could do the job.

Radio And Spies In War

Here are two items that lead to the conclusion that the present war in Europe has its novelties: From Germany comes reports of individuals sent to prison for listening to foreign radio broadcasts.

From Paris comes the news that a number of Nazi spies, who dropped by parachutes from German planes in the early part of the war, have been executed. Peasants have been asked to aid in capturing any spies who may land behind the lines by using parachutes.

will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

SUPERMAN NOW APPEARING DAILY AND SUNDAY IN THE NEWS

Superman, the sensational adventurer from another planet which was far advanced in civilization from the earth, has a thrilling series of episodes in store for readers of The Detroit News. Watch for his amazing feats of strength and courage in the color comic section Sundays and in black and white, daily in The Detroit News.

Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

"Science always has its camp followers who clean up the scraps" says that splendid work, "Food and Life", just published as its yearbook by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The camp followers of nutrition are the quacks, the faddists and the advertisers of fake nostrums. They use technical language so fluently that sometimes they fool themselves.

Some of the more common types of quackery are listed as:

"Health foods," advertised for various ills, real or imaginary. There is no such thing as a "health food" and no one food is essential to health or has unique health-giving properties. Nor is any one food "balanced" in the dietary sense. So-called "energy" foods are largely sold because of the popular misconception that one class of food releases vastly greater stores of energy than others.

The book stresses three general types of weight reducing products: (1) Those that speed up body processes so that food is burned faster, such as thyroid extract or dinitrophenol—drugs which are dangerous unless administered by a physician; (2) "Reducing" foods containing laxative salts or cathartics which remove water, not fat, from the body and (3) Food concentrates or supplements to be taken with a reducing diet or exercise. Actually, it is the reduced food intake or the additional exercise that removes extra poundage, not the dietary supplement.

The discovery that the body must have an adequate amount of minerals led the scientific camp followers to package and purvey iron, iodine, calcium and other substances, says "Food and Life." The truth is that genuine mineral deficiencies can be corrected by a well-rounded diet. Mineral supplements should be used only on the recommendation of a doctor or trained nutritionist.

Warning is issued that broad and indefinite claims for vitamin products should be distrusted. There is a legitimate place for vitamin concentrates but not as cure-alls. Ordinary foods offer the best and cheapest source of these essentials.

Cures for "acid" stomach fill the shelves and litter the counters of the modern drug stores. The fact is that all stomachs are normally acid or they could not digest food. Remedies for "acidosis" are widely advertised for self-administration despite the fact that this is a relatively rare condition of the blood which can be treated only by a skillful and experienced physician. Most widely-sold of all drugs and drug combinations are the "constipation cures." Yet constipation is but a symptom of a great variety of organic, functional and psychic disorders. Each case of chronic constipation must be studied separately and be given its own prescription.

With Camera in Poland Unlike the peasants in most European countries who wear their bright costumes only on Sundays and holidays, the peasants of the Zakopane region of Poland wear their picturesque habit every day. To the artist and the tourist with a camera they are a never-ending delight.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

(Harwood-Bollinger Sale Sat. Feb. 10th)

By virtue of a writ of Aeri facias, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Willard Harwood against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger, I did, on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1939 levy upon and take all the right, title and interest, of said William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:

All that certain place and parcel of land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, known and described as Lot 8 of Block 5 of Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof.

All of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for said county of Crawford, State of Michigan, is held) on Saturday the 10th day of February, A. D. 1940 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

John A. Papendick, Sheriff.

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff. Dated December 27, 1939. 12-28-6

STATE OF MICHIGAN

(Estate of Louis Malonen) The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Louis Malonen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that two months from the 21st day of December, A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1940 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 4th day of March, A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 15, 1939. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate. 12-21-4

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TRUTH about ADVERTISING

By CHARLES B. ROTH

BUT IT'S JUST AS GOOD

YOU have had the experience, haven't you, of going into some stores and asking for an advertised brand of goods, only to have the clerk hand you another brand and inform you, "But it's just as good."

Sometimes, to your regret, you bought the "just as good" item but sometimes you walked out of the store and searched until you found the merchandise you had asked for in the first place. When you got it you were satisfied.

You had confidence in the advertised goods, because you read in the honest pronouncements of the advertiser what you might expect his product to do for you. This gave you assurance. You bought because you had confidence.

But when that clerk palmed off something different on you, you had misgivings, you had doubts, you had fears, you had lack of confidence.

Maybe they were justified. Maybe they were not. It doesn't matter. The fact remains that advertising had invested the advertiser's goods with a confidence which made you buying a pleasant in place of a fearful duty.

Usually, but not always, these "just as good" goods are not as

good—they are inferior and the merchant sells them because they carry more profit for him. He does his level best to get rid of them, because it is more to his advantage to do so than it is to yours.

Many stores pay their salesman a commission for selling unknown and unadvertised goods, because the salesman would not sell them without some special inducement.

It is much better for you as a consumer to put your reliance absolutely in advertised goods and in stores which advertise, and to patronize both exclusively.

When a man advertises his goods and tells frankly and publicly what they will do for you, he seeks your patronage on the basis of actual value.

It may be that some manufacturers or merchants can offer just as good value in unknown or unadvertised goods. But the chances are ten to one that they can't—because advertising not only increases the distribution of goods, but at the same time increases the production, so that advertised goods cost less to make; hence, gives more to the buyer.

In the long run you get more for your money when you buy advertised goods. You get more in actual value. And also get more in that intangible value, "known as confidence."

"And confidence is one of the chief satisfactions of life."

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Charles Roth

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—5 room house for sale. Reasonable. Phone 000-2.

Two line ad costs 50c for 2 insertions. \$1.00 for 4.

—Home with 5 comfortable sized rooms, nice bath, good basement and heating plant, nice lot and attractive neighborhood. You'll love this place and appreciate the bargain. Phone 000-2

6 line ad costs 60c for 2 insertions or \$1.20 for 4.

JUST THINK OF IT!

We'll say for example, that this property is priced at \$4,000. And we're willing to bet our last cent that the owner would gladly pay \$25 to make the sale, but still hesitates about paying the difference between these two ads AND REMEMBER this ad goes into over 800 homes each time it runs.

For best results, make your classified ads interesting. Our ad-taker will gladly help you prepare an interesting result-getting ad.

OUR SNAPSHOTS



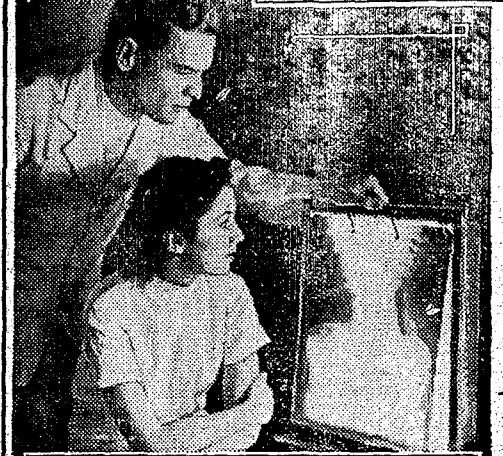
**DOG AS
FOSTER MOTHER**

This collie's latest charge is a tiger-cub recently deserted by its mother. The cub is now eleven weeks old and quite at home with the dog. The photo was snapped at the zoo in Bristol, England.



**YOUNGEST
NEWSCASTER**

Paul Sullivan, newest addition to the ranks of the Columbia network's newsmen, broadcasts current events six nights a week in forty cities. His war experience includes several broadcasts from London shortly after hostilities began. See your local listings for the exact time of Sullivan's broadcasts.



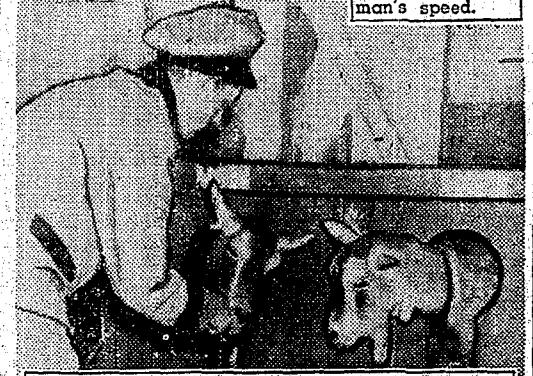
The demand for authenticity in modern radio is exemplified here by Ann Sheridan and Theodore Newton of the cast of "Joyce Jordan—Girl Interne." The fluoroscope, which they are examining is only one of the many required subjects in the field of medicine with which actors in this show must be familiar. The program is broadcast daily on CBS.



Ann Sheridan, the oomph girl, takes to the ice—yo-ho! Skaters, here's a partner who will increase any man's speed.



SHOW GOES ON— Though painfully burned as the result of defective wiring in a hairdresser's equipment, Kate Smith refused to let her injuries keep her from her Friday show over CBS. Had she failed to get to the microphone, it would have spoiled a record of never having missed a scheduled broadcast in all of her years on the air.



Thirteen Year Old Lad Successful Dairyman— Up at 5:00 a.m. each morning, Harry Prescott, Jr., of Worcester, Mass., is soon out in the barn feeding his goats even before he has had his own breakfast.

PUNNING NIMRODS

Two men were out shooting on the moors when a small animal darted across the path and disappeared in the undergrowth.

"That looked like a stoat," remarked the first man.

"I should say it was a weasel," said the other.

"But a stoat is so weaselly distinguished," laughed the first.

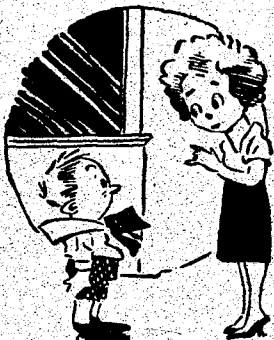
"Quite so," replied the second, "but a weasel is stoatally different."

Doubly Unfortunate

The vicar had received a couple of tickets for the opera from one of his parishioners. Finding that he was unable to go he rang up some friends and said: "An unfortunate dinner engagement keeps me from attending the opera tonight; could you use the tickets?"

"We should be glad to do so," was the reply, "but we are your unfortunate hosts."—London Tit-Bits.

DIFFERENCE



Teacher—Now as to coal, what is the difference between egg and nut? Johnny—One is laid by a hen and the other by a squirrel.

Important Omission

"I want to return this book I bought yesterday, 'Stories for All Occasions,'" announced the irate customer.

"What's wrong with it?" inquired the shop assistant.

"Why, it's a fake; it's incomplete! There's nothing there for a man to tell his wife when he gets home at two o'clock in the morning."—Stray Stories.

That's Bad

"I understand your husband is a candidate for prison warden," remarked one of the neighbors to the politician's wife.

"Yes, he is, but I don't think he is competent."

"And why not?"

"He leaves the door open half the time nights at home."—Portland Express.

Well Trained

They were engaged to be married, and he was proudly relating his former adventures in Africa.

"I had to hack my way," said he, "through almost impenetrable jungle, chopping, slashing at thick undergrowth and trees—"

"Oh, George!" said she. "You'll do fine when you have to weed the garden!"

Overtime

Little Dolly's father had been whitewashing the kitchen ceiling during the holidays, and she was much impressed.

Next morning when she woke up she looked out of the window and saw the ground covered with snow.

"O, mother," she said, "hasn't daddy been busy?"

THEME SONG



"Did Jimmy Bass sing at the musical?"

"Yes, he sang 'Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep!'"

Parlor Ogre

Father—That young man of yours should be in the museum for living curiosities.

She—Why, father! How can you say that?

Father—Well, I noticed as I passed through the hall late last night that he had two heads on his shoulders.

Not Recognized

A concert was being held at the village schoolroom, and it came to Sandy's turn to give his bagpipes solo. When the applause had died down a voice from the back shouted, "Give us Annie Laurie, Sandy!"

"What?" asked Sandy, surprised and flattered. "Again?"

Approval

"I hope your titled son-in-law will like you."

"We're getting on," answered Mr. Cumrox, looking up from his check book. "He seems to think very well of my handwriting and the kind of cigars I smoke."

Anticipation

Mother-in-law—That's a cute little tree on the lawn, John. It's only a foot high.

Son-in-law—Yes, I just planted it. I hope that the next time you come you'll be able to sit in its shade.—Boy's Life.

City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Geo. Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Roberts, Milnes. Absent: Jensen and Sales.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Burke, supported by Roberts, that a dance permit for the Shoppenagons Inn cocktail bar, when properly submitted, be approved.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke. Absent: Sales, Jensen. Nay: None.

Moved by Roberts, supported by Burke, that the City of Grayling enter into a Mazda Lamp contract with the Graybar Electric Company, and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract in behalf of the City of Grayling.

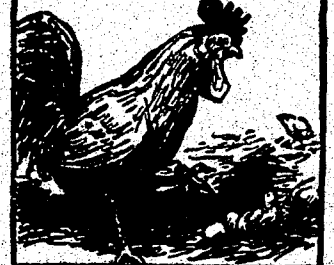
Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke. Absent: Sales, Jensen, Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

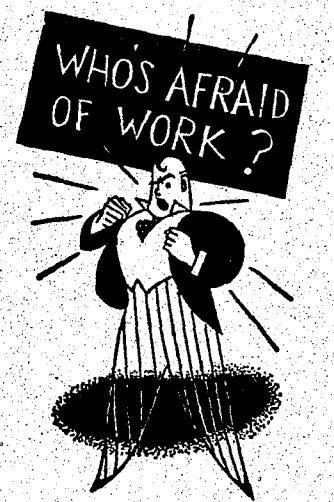
George A. Granger, City Manager.

The DEBUNKER By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

ROOSTERS CAN LAY EGGS



The same rooster can be the father of chicks and later be the mother of others. This phenomenon of sex reversal has been studied by scientists, who have changed roosters to hens by changing the testes of the rooster, or by grafting in ovaries. Sometimes it happens in nature by a disease attacking the sex organs of the rooster. When they lose their "maleness," they become female. This is because every male is half female anyway, and possesses the female sex chromosome along with the male one in its hereditary make-up. (Public Ledger—WNU Service.)



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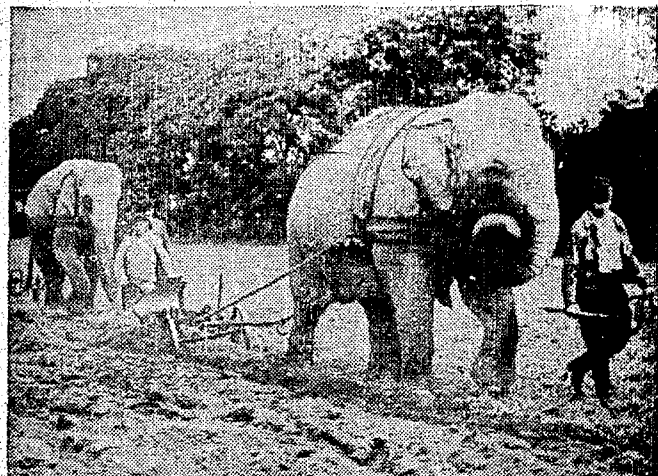
and other old line Capital Stock Fire Insurance Companies offering STANDARD PROTECTION

Just a Day of Rest for Tank



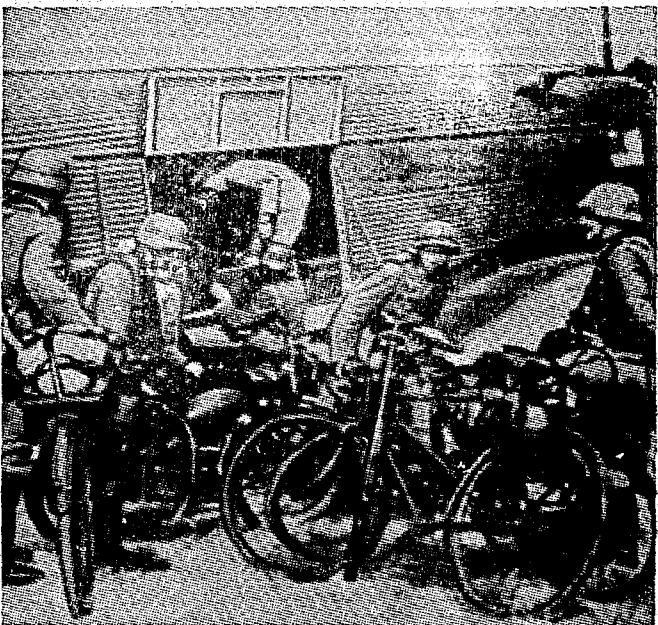
A picture made somewhere on the western front, at French field headquarters, showing tanks lined up for inspection by visitors who arrived in the cars shown to the left. This was the occasion for decorating tank crews for heroic work in the war.

Zoo Animals Must Earn Keep During War



This is a typical farm scene in Germany now. Elephants, camels and other show animals of the zoo that can be trained to do manual duties are being pressed into service to replace farm animals and machines needed in war service.

Germany Flies Cycle Infantry to Front



Men of a German bicycle infantry are shown unloading themselves and their wheels from an army transport plane that flew them within easy cycling distance of the fighting line. This photo was passed by the German censor.

A WORLD OF FOOD by MARJORIE THORP

NO LONGER DOES THE FARMER MAKE CHEESE. IN THE UNITED STATES CHEESE-MAKING HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE REAM OF THE MANUFACTURER. NEW YORK AND WISCONSIN TOGETHER PRODUCE THREE-FOURTHS OF OUR ENTIRE OUTPUT.

SCIENCE'S NEWEST DIET FOR QUICK EXTRA ENERGY—GELATINE DISSOLVED IN FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT JUICE—WAS ADOPTED BY 39 FOOTBALL TEAMS THIS SEASON!!

AND THE CHEESE IS FRESH FROM THE CITY STORE, DAD.

HENRY OF BRUNSWICK, A GERMAN NOBLEMAN OF THE 15TH CENTURY WAS THE ORIGINATOR OF THE FIRST MENU. AN EPIQUE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER. HE REQUESTED HIS COOK TO LIST ALL THE FOODS IN THEIR SERVING ORDER, SO THAT HIS FOUNT SAVED HIS APPETITE FOR THOSE HE LIKED BEST. HIS FOUNT WAS FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.

WE WILL PAY \$500 FOR EACH STRANGE FOOD FACT SUBMITTED AND USED. ADDRESS A WORLD OF FOOD 406 TENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

My Neighbor Says:

Never iron outting flannel, but brush it thoroughly. Brushing renews the softness and removes all lint.

In cooking anything with cheese, use a low temperature because intense heat makes cheese tough and stringy.

House palms should not be exposed to the direct rays of the sun nor should they be placed near a radiator.

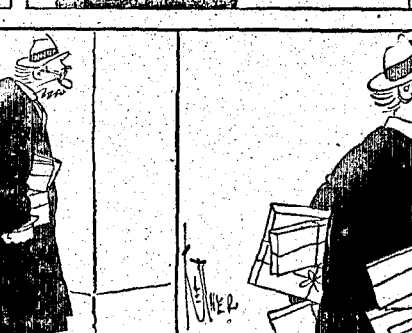
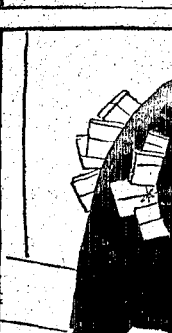
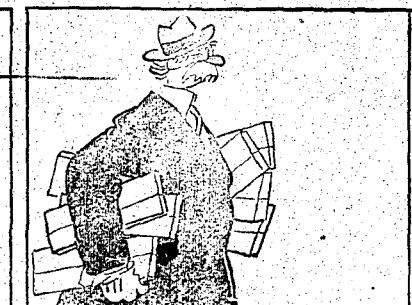
Empty the vacuum cleaner into a large paper sack (saved from groceries). The sack can be discarded easily and the dust won't fly.

When washing dishes used for either raw or cooked fish, about two heaping teaspoonsful of baking soda added to the dish water will deodorize the dishes, dish water and dish cloth.

Broom holders, small hooks and screws, help to keep the household cleaning equipment in good working order. Hang up brooms, mops, dusters and cleaning brushes by attaching screws to the handles. (Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

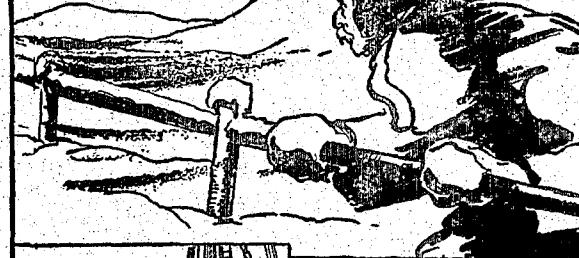
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A PUSH OF 200 POUNDS ON
A MAN, ENOUGH TO BLOW
HIM AWAY!



Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1940

Mrs. Paul Lovely is feeling much improved after being ill for the past week.

Mrs. Fred Welsh is driving a brand new 1940, Buick 51 sport coupe, purchased of Jess Schoonover.

A son, Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Galvani, at Mercy Hospital Friday, December 29.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Hans L. Peterson Wednesday, January 10.

There will be a board of directors meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday, January 5, at 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

The Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will meet Friday afternoon, January 5th, at the home of Mrs. Frank Bond.

Mrs. Eva Wingard has resigned her position as librarian at the City Library and Alex Kochanowski will be the new librarian.

The Womans Club will meet Monday, January 8th, at 7:30 p. m. in the Kindergarten room at the school house. Mrs. Gothro is the hostess.

The Hospital Aid society will meet Tuesday, January 11, at the home of Mrs. C. G. Clippert with Mrs. Clippert and Mrs. Keyport at hostesses.

The I. O. O. F. lodge will hold their installation of officers Tuesday evening, January 9, at the Masonic Temple. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Millikin (Virginia Skingley) are the proud parents of a daughter, Connie Lou, born to them Saturday, December 30, at Mercy Hospital.

Officers of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., are looking for the parties who broke into the equipment building Monday and stole a number of pairs of skis and snowshoes.

There will be a meeting of the Crawford County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Thursday (tonight) Jan. 4th, at 8:00 o'clock at Norman Butler's residence.

There will be no January meeting of the Crawford County Health Unit. The February meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, at the Grange Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Eight boys were guests of Victor Papendick Tuesday evening at a dinner and theatre party to celebrate his eighth birthday. The dining table was centered with a birthday cake guarded by four tall green tapers.

Mrs. Russell Robertson left for Adams, Wis., Friday called by the sudden death of her 82 year old mother, Mrs. Josephine Polinka. Mrs. Polinka, who was the mother of thirteen children, all of whom survive, passed away at the home of a son on Dec. 28.

Jeanne Hanson is at home again from Munson Hospital, Traverse City, and getting along very nicely. She is able to go all day now without her cast, but must get back into it at night. All of Jeanne's friends are pulling for her to get well soon.

Charlotte Marie Hartin, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartin (Bessie Atwell) has the distinction of being the first child born in the county in the new year. The little girl, who weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, arrived at 8:47 o'clock in the evening of New Year's day.

Mrs. Louis Kessler left Tuesday for Midland. She was accompanied by Lawrence and Jerome Kessler and their wives. In Midland Mrs. Kessler will join her brother W. A. Cassidy and together they will leave for Miami Beach, Florida, to spend the winter months.

Richard Barber celebrated his 9th birthday anniversary Saturday and his mother invited 19 boys and girls to be his guests at a theatre party. After the show they enjoyed goodies prepared by Richard's mother, Mrs. Foryst Barber, and each received a favor. Richard received many nice gifts.

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JANUARY

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1 lot \$3.95 to \$5.95 Dresses **\$2.19**
1 lot \$2.95 Dresses for . . . **\$1.98**
1 lot \$1.95 Tub Dresses for **\$1.19**

Ladies Style Shoes in a grand Clearance

\$2.99 Shoes Now **\$1.99**
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Girls School or Dress Oxfords
89c to \$2.49

Men!

Now is your chance to save in our
Over Coat and Suit Sale

They're all going at
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Off

20% Off on Mens Pajamas
Mens \$1.25 Dress Shirts . . **98c**
Mens Arrow Shirts . . . **\$1.65**

Prices Slashed

on Ladies and Misses

Winter Coats
Now . . . **$\frac{1}{3}$ Off**

1 Lot Girls

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Now . . . **$\frac{1}{2}$ Off**

In spite of advancing prices we have reduced all prices on Mens

Dress Oxfords
and **Work and Hi-Top Shoes**
10% to 20%

Mens **Mackinaws**
and **Wool Sport Coats**
20% Off

Mens Winter Weight
Union Suits
20% Off

Ladies
Galoshes

\$1.95 and \$2.50 Artics Now . . **\$1.29**
\$3.95 Velvet Zipper Artics Now **\$2.25**
\$1.00 Ladies and Childrens Artics **89c**
Mens Dress or Work Rubbers **98c**

$\frac{1}{3}$ Off on Ladies Silk or Wool House Coats

A Real Special

In Ladies Pure Silk full fashioned
Hose
85c Values **69c**

$\frac{1}{4}$ Off
on all Ladies, Misses, Mens and Boys
Sweaters

5 percent Wool, heavy double
Plaid Blankets
\$2.39

Sheets
81 x 108 Cannon Sheets . . **98c**
81 x 108 Pequot Sheets . **\$1.19**

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Snow Suits
20% Off

Ladies
Snow Suits
and **Ski Breeches**
Now . . . **$\frac{1}{4}$ Off**

1 Lot Ladies Wool
Ski Jackets
\$1.00

$\frac{1}{3}$ Off on Mens Silk or Wool Bath Robes

Grayling Mercantile Company

The Quality Store

Phone 2251

The Grayling Township Health Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Nielsen Thursday, January 11.

Fire caused from a shortage in the electric wiring at the home of Sherman Neal called out the City Fire department Wednesday night at about 9:00 o'clock. The fire was confined to the basement and there was some damage to both building and contents, however the loss is covered by insurance.

Gary Hatfield, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield, fell through the ice into the AuSable river near the US 27 bridge Friday afternoon and as the result is home from school with a severe cold. He wanted to see if the ice was strong enough to hold him when it cracked and he fell into the water over his head. Gary's brother, Jimmy, was nearby and pulled him out.

Fire resulting from the explosion of a kerosene stove caused quite a scare at the home of Robert Sorenson at the rear of the Quality Food Grocery store Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock. Windows in the shed where the stove was located were broken and the walls charred and the stove ruined; besides smoke did a lot of damage to the walls in other parts of the home. The loss was covered by insurance.

School was resumed Wednesday morning after the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Otto Cox was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when several of her friends dropped in to spend the evening, and help her celebrate her birthday anniversary which fell on that day. Pinochle and bunco were the order of entertainment, after which a delicious pot luck lunch was served. The group presented Mrs. Cox with two lovely presents.

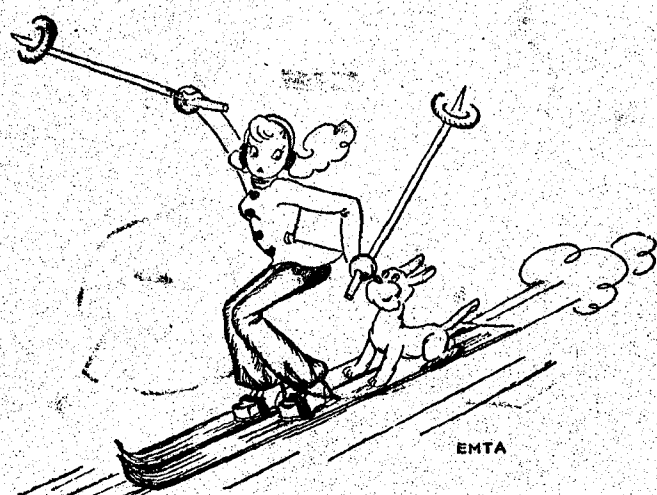
Our annual January clearance sale is on. Big reductions on dresses, skirts and hats.—Maureen Shoppe.

There was a heavy snowfall over the week end and flurries have continued intermittently since. It is estimated there is 16 inches of snow on the level at the present time. Temperatures have been hovering below freezing with the lowest on January 2nd of 4 above. The warmest it has been is 26 above, and today the

thermometer says 18 above. Highway plows have been kept busy keeping the highways open, and men have been busy with shovels keeping the streets open for traffic.

Public Notice

Beginning Dec. 12, I will be at the Town hall every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter, until Jan. 10, to collect township taxes.
Clare Madsen,
11-23-39 Treas. Grayling Twp.



Winter Sports Have "Grown Up" In Eastern and Central Michigan

Things used to be dull in the wintertime for many of the summer resort towns. "Guess we'll hole up for the winter" was a common expression among the natives.

It's easy for an adult to loaf, but children have to keep busy to avoid mischief. So the city fathers flooded ice skating areas, built primitive toboggan runs. They soon noticed, as at Alpena, that child delinquency took a drop when winter sports were made available. When the child finished his skating, he was just too tired to think up any new ideas—so he went home to bed. The story was similar at Grayling. The slide on Johnson's hill was mostly "for the kids"—some of the local people grumbled at the mild expense of maintaining a slide for such a childish pastime.

But in helping the youngsters, adults became interested themselves. When that happened, snow centers in eastern and central Michigan rapidly developed into facilities for both children and adults.

Now, almost every town of any size has a winter sports program. Some are local propositions and others attract enthusiasts from all over Michigan and out-state. Thousands take snow trains and buses. Motorists discovered that the Michigan Highway Department is very efficient in removing snow and ice from the highways. Resort towns learned it was possible to make their town a "four season playground" in fact as well as name.

Many Snow and Ice Carnivals This year, many special festivals and carnivals are on the winter docket. Grayling is going in for a jamboree January 6-7 at which time major baseball players will gather to select a queen. This celebration will call attention to the half-million dollar improvement program now in progress at the park. The Michigan Department of Conservation is cooperating with the National Park Service who are directing the construction work. \$250,000 has already been expended for this year's improvements.

Entertainment is the keynote at Alpena. The Sixth Annual Winter Sports Carnival and Michigan Outdoor Speed Skating Championships are scheduled for January 20-28 inclusive. Events will get a real start January 20-21 when the best speed skating talent in Michigan will be brought together for the races. During the nine days of fun, 250 members of a professionally trained figure skating group will stage costumed performances. Snow trains, hockey games and dances will round out the week.

At Cheboygan, each Sunday during the season, expert figure skaters will stage Mardi Gras, Masquerades, Fiestas, and so forth. The dates for the usual 2-day festival are unannounced.

Tobogganing Remains Popular The improvement program at the Silver Valley Winter Sports plant

near East Tawas includes a lengthened double toboggan slide with curve at the bottom to provide an additional thrill. This federal park, in the heart of the Huron National Forest, is one of the most appealing winter sports areas in Michigan. A new feature is the "Tinpan" slide where the top of garbage cans, coal scoops, snow shovels, dish pans and all manner of contrivances may be used to slide down hill. There will be a bobsled run.

Grayling's improvement program includes one of the safest and fastest toboggan runs in the world. Enthusiasts whizz down the icy chute a distance of 3,100 feet at speeds estimated up to 100 miles per hour. The troughs are terraced and set in steel side walls to insure maximum speed and safety. Alpena offers a three trough run with plenty of zip and speed. Lewiston, Atlanta, Gaylord, Brighton, Caseville, Port Austin and others are busily preparing their toboggan runs.

All Offer Ice Skating

In Michigan, one can count more ice skating rinks than skills on a snow train. Every winter sports center has a rink, and new ones are being constructed every year. Silver Valley has a new rink, an acre in size, constructed along the border of sparkling Silver Creek, a trout stream flowing through the center of the park. Cheboygan too, is building a new rink to relieve congestion on the old one which has accommodated as high as 1,500 persons. Grayling has a huge new skating rink. Alpena has one of the largest official outdoor rinks in Michigan—ice skating is definitely in the picture.

Skiing Shows Increased Popularity Taking a cue from Canadian and Western snow centers, skiing is being taken up as a hobby by thousands. "Anyone of average physical equipment can learn to ski safely and enjoyably," states Heinz Von Allmen, Swiss ski champion. "And you don't have to start when you're young," he adds.

At Grayling, there is an expert ski instructor to coach youngsters and adults. Ski trails are being carved and mapped for miles around the vicinity. The high hills, free from trees and obstructions are safe places to learn. Then, too, East Tawas offers four ski slides, each about 700 feet in length with varying degrees of difficulty. The rangers of the National Forest are laying out new ski trails for those "that desire cross country exercise."

Weather Reports

Weather reports on ice and snow conditions will emanate from the Detroit bureau throughout the winter so that parties won't be disappointed by a sudden change of weather. For further winter sports information, write the chairman of any of the winter sports centers mentioned, or the East Michigan Tourist Association, Bay City, Michigan.

Frederic Notes

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lodge and daughter, Carol, all of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Elton G. Barber of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dawson of Detroit; Mrs. Jesse Howe of Roscommon; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downer of Luther; Miss Erma Raymond of Grayling, and Mr. Vance A. Horner.

Lloyd Welch returned Sunday morning after working a few months on the Great Lakes.

New Year guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krause were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cameron and sons, Robert and Stanley of Detroit; Wilfred Cameron of Washington, Mich.; Earl Dew of Pontiac, and Harry Horner of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weinkauf and Miss Dorothy enjoyed Christmas with relatives and friends in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leng and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng and family spent Christmas at Columbia, Michigan.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Sunshine Sisters gave their annual Christmas party at the Communi-

ty hall. The early part of the evening was spent playing games and at 10 o'clock a delicious dinner was served to 50 guests. After dinner the ladies gave a fine program. The party ended by all singing Christmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber were New Year Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee.

Mrs. Albert Lewis and daughter Rose, of Big Bay, Mich., spent a few days visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harmer and family were guests over Christmas of the former's brother, Geo. Harmer and family, at Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill and children are spending the week visiting at the Henry Shaw home in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bertl and family of Roscommon were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber.

Woodpecker 'Black Sheep'

The yellow-bellied woodpecker commonly called the sapsucker, is the only black sheep of his family. Despite the belief that many woodpeckers who resemble him are tree killers, the yellow-bellied is the only one that will suck sap from trees; the rest of his family drills holes harmlessly in trees; in fact, their drilling often is beneficial as they are looking for insects.

CCC Camp News

CAMP HARTWICK PINES
V-2690th Company CCC,
SP-5 (Mich)

The Passing of Robert Fechner The flag is at half-mast in Camp Hartwick Pines, as in camps of the CCC throughout the nation, in respect to the passing of the National Director of the CCC, who died in Walter Reed hospital after a short illness. However, life and work in the camp moves on without interruption and we are only remotely regretful of the passing of a man in high position who has done a good job. There will be memorial services, encomiums, and eulogies as a matter of course but few will realize at once that the CCC has come to a crossroad that may vitally affect the very spirit of the CCC, for the steadfast, direct and living faith of Robert Fechner in the inherent good in the individual underprivileged boy, is the very spirit of the CCC.

Robert Fechner, consuming interest in the welfare of the individual boy was born of his own boyhood struggles with life and his lifetime membership in the ranks of labor. He never changed his simple habits of living nor lost his intimate contact with the boys in the CCC. It is told how he would come to his office in Washington at the unearthly hour of 7:00 a. m. to begin his work for the day and how he tried to personally answer letters from boys in the CCC until he was overwhelmed. Not to be undone by the very magnitude of the great organization, he took determined steps to prevent a regimenting of the lives of the boys in the CCC by appointing an Assistant to the Director in each Corps Area. These were men of his own pattern, quiet, simple, shrewd and with great authority. Thus every boy in the CCC had direct and immediate access whenever he felt the need for it. When these men visited the camps, they talked to the boys personally and exhibited a canny ability to sense the spirit of the company. Over the period of its life, an organization of humane and high endeavor has developed that sets a new high in the history of the human race.

In his Christmas greeting to the men of the CCC, from his bed in the hospital, Robert Fechner expressed the words that reveal the deep and yearning spirit of this friend of boys and men who need help; "I only wish it were possible for me to talk with each one of you in person at this season of the year, when all of us look resolutely toward the future and derive renewed inspiration from the life of Him whose birthday we commemorate on Christmas."

NOTE—The passing away of Robert Fechner touched a tender spot with Mr. Harry C. Moffett, educational director of Camp Hartwick Pines, and the writer of the above tribute. These men were at one time close intimate friends and formed a co-friendship that had never faltered. Mr. Moffett is deeply depressed by the passing of this true friend, but scores of pleasant memories remain with him that he says he will never forget.

Holidays At Home

Approximately forty men of the company spent their holidays at home renewing old friendships and visiting their families.

Holidays In Camp

The Christmas season was enjoyed quietly, comfortably and happily by those remaining in camp. A thoughtful observance of the spiritual significance of Christmas was marked by special services conducted by Chaplain John Samuel and Rev. Father Moloney of Grayling. Many of the men attended services in Grayling churches. A beautifully lighted Christmas tree at the head of the company street warmed the hearts of the men with its significant message. Harry Vandewall and his able kitchen staff fulfilled their mission admirably with a wonderful Christmas dinner and another on New Year's day. The boys themselves rose to the occasion beautifully, by being on hand, every man neatly dressed and in happy, friendly spirit. Henry Wellman had prepared an attractive menu with the roster of names of members of the company, for each man to keep as a souvenir of Christmas day 1939 in Camp Hartwick Pines.

Roosting Tribe Found

One tribe of Chinese the Japanese can never conquer was described by Rev. H. M. Hutton of the Chinese Inland Mission on his return to Sydney, Australia. He declared there are 200 tribes in Kweichow province, each with its own language, writing and dress. The Black Miao tribe, he said, is the most remarkable. It was found in absolutely precipitous country and the members' homes are as inaccessible as the eagle's nest.

Highest Waterfall in Europe Highest waterfall in Europe is the Cascade de Gavarnie in the French Pyrenees. It makes a single leap of 1365 feet without touching the rock wall over which it springs. This height is over eight times that of Niagara Falls.



The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—The right of state government to fix prices was given a disturbing jolt here in a ruling by Judge Leland W. Carr of the Ingham county circuit court holding Michigan's so-called "fair trade" law to be unconstitutional.

Although the court opinion affected only the 1937 statute covering petroleum and bakery products, it indirectly casts a shadow over the 1939 milk price-fixing act, which is already under judicial scrutiny. This law is now in litigation seeking to test the right of the state to invade private industry in the ostensible interest of the public welfare.

Judge Carr's opinion will echo in the 1941 session of the Michigan state legislature. For if there was anything certain it is the likelihood that retail forces in the state will gird again for battle over fair trade legislation. The past two sessions have been battle scenes, and the 1941 round will be no exception.

What is all the shooting about anyway? And where does the consumer come in?

NRA and Competition

The fair trade movement is an American hang-over from the idealistic NRA of 1933, the "Blue Eagle" child fathered by the United States Chamber of Commerce and mothered by the Roosevelt administration—a paradoxical couple!

To bounce the business chiseler, to prevent unfair competition and to assure everyone of a decent profit was the modest goal that the Blue Eagle sought to achieve. It was a nice idea at least, and everybody was for it as long as there was a chinaman's chance of it getting somewhere.

But when the United States supreme court unanimously knocked out the national recovery act as an unwarranted invasion of legislative rights, the American business man was left just where he was before—dependent upon himself to solve his business problems.

That is where fair trade legislation came in.

The motive was the same; the scene for action was merely transferred from Washington to Lansing; the state government, not the federal government, was to be the rescuing angel.

"Abridgment," Says Judge

The 1937 legislature received the fair trade orphan with sympathy.

Ideally, no one sheds a tear for the chiseler, the big bad man of the business world. The "rub" came in when legislators sought to decide how big the fair trade tent should be. When the cutting was all over, the big top was reduced to petroleum and bakery products which had maintained powerful lobbies supported by special contributions. Lawmakers decided that something had to be done in the name of fair trade; a "law" had to be passed, and so the measure was enacted.

Judge Carr of Lansing, however, doubted the wisdom of the act from the consumer's point of view as well as from the retailer's. He said in part:

"In the exercise of the police power the principle has been commonly recognized, and rather firmly established, that the public welfare is best served by freedom of competition, rather than by arbitrary curtailment. This is as least an abridgment of the right of the owner to fix his own selling price."

How About Milk?

The knock-out court opinion on the fair trade act also involved unofficially Michigan's new milk price-fixing law, passed in 1939.

Observers are wondering what Judge Carr would do if he were asked to rule on the constitutionality of this startling step of state government into private enter-

prise. The milk act vested authority in local milk control boards to fix both producer and retail prices. Through a "check-off" system the expense of maintaining these boards was automatically provided for.

The state of New York was one of the first to experiment on price-fixing for milk producers and consumers. In a test case, the United States supreme court declared that, because of the element of public health, the state possessed police powers under the New York constitution to regulate milk prices.

But Michigan's constitution is a different document. It is being freely forecast in Lansing that the new milk price-fixing law will be declared unconstitutional. Except for the point of public health, Judge Carr's legal reasoning would seemingly apply also to the matter of milk prices.

Consumer

The experiment of the state government trying to fix prices for the consumer is not an isolated incident to Michigan.

It is a national trend in which is involved a new movement known as the "consumer movement."

If government is to look out for the organized interests of special groups, who is going to look out for the consumer?

Here again the problem has been taken to the United States supreme court. Legislatures in California and Illinois enacted laws which established minimum retail prices of manufactured products where the manufacturer entered into contract with the retailer. The California and Illinois laws were upheld, the court pointing out that the retailer could remove brand names from a price-fixed product and sell it without regard to the contract price provided he did not refer to the brand or its maker.

These fixing in minimum retail prices has been legalized by Congress through the Tydings-Miller amendment to the Sherman act. While stabilizing prices of nationally advertised products, the act left a loop-hole for stores which could offer their own private non-advertised brands and thus undersell competitors. Actually the national chain drug interests appeared before a congressional committee at Washington in support of the minimum price bill.

That the result has been to increase retail prices for the consumer was the substance of a survey made by the R. H. Macy and Co., New York retail store. Average percentage price increases on branded items ranged from 8 per cent for cosmetics, 16 per cent for drugs, 17.6 per cent for books to 16 per cent for miscellaneous items.

Advertising Cost It was inevitable that the cost of advertising should enter the fair trade picture.

Advertising costs have been a mystery to the average consumer. Hence it was timely when the Distribution Committee for the Twentieth Century Fund, a Filene enterprise, reported last fall that the total expenditure for advertising probably amounted to less than 3 per cent of the aggregate sum paid by the consumer. As the "American Consumer" magazine stated in December, the Fund study furnishes facts to affirm the opinion of the great bulk of American consumers that advertising in itself is a sound economic device, performing a valuable and profitable consumer service and is not an "economic waste" as has been charged.

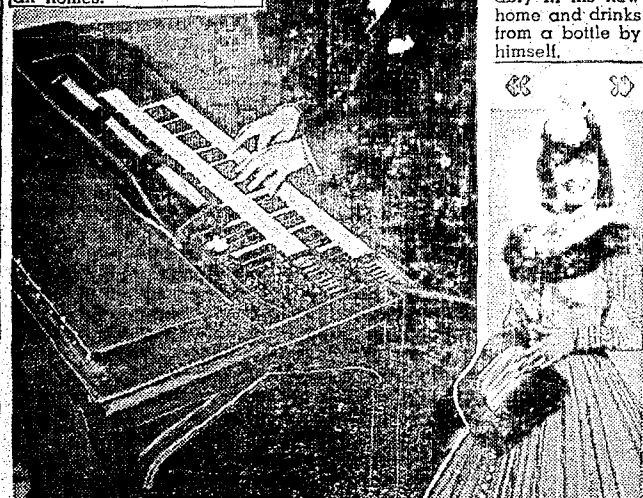
Since the cost of advertising is a modest part of the consumer dollar and actually a means to effect lower prices through greater distribution and production—the automobile being a Michigan example—the fair trade problem simmers down to a question of what is best for the consumer, the great American public. And that is food for thought.

The HEADLINES Say:



Child Sends Flags to Rulers With Prayer for Peace — Berren Hill, Pa. — 12 year old Dolores Van Sant, saved up her pennies to buy flags in whose folds she enclosed a private prayer for peace, which she sent to world famous figures. The child has launched a campaign to have the flag put up in all homes.

Baby Gorilla Feeds Self — Meng, the baby gorilla recently presented to the London Zoo by the Belgian Government, is now settled comfortably in his new home and drinks from a bottle by himself.



Peace via Music — Pietro Yon, organist of the Vatican and St. Patrick's Cathedral, participated in ceremonies marking the formal opening of the new Hammond Organ Studios in New York City recently with a program based on the theme, "Peace and Tolerance in Music."

Lily Pons, glamorous Metropolitan Opera diva and concert star, introduces a vogue for "muffing" your evening ensemble. A tiny muff repeats the neckline of her favorite concert gown of blue velvet and sable. The rose-crowned toque is also sable.

Lovells

The Howard McCanns' of Detroit entertained a group of Detroiters at their cabin on the AuSable over the week end. A successful bobcat hunt arranged by Archie Feldhauser was enjoyed on Sunday and in the evening skating and dancing on Shoopack Lake, lighted by huge piles of pine stumps. Refreshments were served as 1940 was ushered in.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Evert of Grand Ledge entertained over the week end at their cabin on Shoopack Lake with their daughter Mrs. Bill Lourem and Mr. Lourem of Jackson. Quentin Evert had as his guests Miss Maxine Baribeau of Grand Ledge and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bellwood of Ann Arbor. He and Mr. Bellwood are classmates at U. of M., Ann Arbor.

A CABIN IN THE NORTH WOODS

Dream of many a Michigan sportsman—a cabin in the north woods—may take shape some day as a consequence of the reversion to the state last November of more than two million acres of tax delinquent lands.

Already, inquiries concerning available tracts in good hunting territory are being received by the lands division of the department of conservation, designated by law to administer the reverted acreage.

The department is advising the writers that more time will be needed before determination can be made of lands which will be available to prospective purchasers. Deeds to the more than two million acres, now being turned over to the lands division by the auditor general, are being posted and locations indicated on maps—a monumental task in itself. Later, disposition of such reverted lands as will be incorporated in present or proposed state forests, game areas and refuges, and for other public uses, will be determined. Then, lands which individuals or groups of sportsmen may purchase must be appraised. The procedure will require several weeks to complete. The department is informing inquiring sportsmen that no description will be available before March 1 and that, in many instances, a longer time will be required to complete checks of availability. Purchasers of such lands will be required to make formal application to the lands division for auctioning of such tracts as they may be interested in, and sales will be made to highest bidders at auctions arranged by the department. The state reserves mineral rights on such lands.

15 PERCH LIMIT ON HOUGHTON LAKE

Houghton lake alone is affected by the reduction in the daily creel limit on perch from 25 to 15, under the new sport fishing law effective January 1, according to the fish division of the department of conservation.

On the Great Lakes and connecting waters 50 perch may be taken in a day. On inland lakes and waters the creel limit is 25 bluegills, sunfish, warmouth bass, rock bass, crappies and perch in the aggregate, or 25 of any one kind. This regulation continues into 1940 unchanged.

WHEN CLANS GATHER



The skirl of the pipes that does things to the blood of every Scotsman, has its lure for little Tommy MacDonald, who is shown, tartan-clad, gazing awe-stricken at a stalwart piper during the 200th gathering of Scottish clans at Fayetteville, N. C.

Public Notice

COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES DUE

I will be in my office in the City Hall from December 1st to January 10th for the collection of county and school taxes.

There will be no penalty if paid by January 10th.

FLORENCE BUTLER, City Treasurer.

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